

Mint N. S.

March 15. 1839.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt, this morning, of your letter of the 7th inst., with the accompanying reports of the operation of your Mint.

I wrote yesterday to inform you, that I had sent, under the frank of the Sec. of the Treasury, the following dies for your Mint:
On the 26th ult., 2 pairs of half dollar dies.

On the 12th inst., 1 pair of half dollar dies.

On the 14th inst., 2 pairs of quarter-eagle dies.

I repeat this information because, through mistake, my letter was sent by the ordinary mail. We are now getting dime and half-dime dies ready for you.

I advise that the dies of 1838 be not used by you, tho' we have sometimes used the dies of a particular year, for a few days after its close.

The number of pieces that can be struck with a pair of dies depends upon the hardening, and is very variable. Our average is about 200,000.

Very respy,
your faithf. Servt.

To,

David Bradford, Esq.
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New Orleans.

R. M. T.
Director